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FINAL PROCEDURE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re the application of: Whitty et al.</p> <p>Serial No: 09/832,659</p> <p>Filed: April 11, 2001</p> <p>For: <i>Interferon-beta-1a immunoglobulin fusion proteins and uses</i></p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1647</p> <p>Examiner: Seharaseyon, J.</p> <p>Docket No.: BII-007.01</p>
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2003. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.